

# CEDAR HILL GREEN BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Tell US about the sustainable practices, improvements, and other aspects of your business that make you a GREEN, CLEAN BUSINESS in Cedar Hill



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## Membership Questionnaire Overview

The Cedar Hill Green Business Program Membership Questionnaire is based on a framework of best practices with the intent to highlight the existing sustainable practices within your business while shining light on opportunities to grow and expand to become an even greener and cleaner business within our City.

This questionnaire is broken out into six focus areas:

Energy, Water, Transportation/Air Quality, Waste/Material Management, Wildlife, and Community Resilience

The goal of the Green Business Program is to encourage and empower our local businesses to becoming green leaders within Cedar Hill and show our community that you are doing your part to make our City the best place to live, work, and play!

This questionnaire is the first step in becoming a green business and by completing it, you are automatically part of the program at the Blue level. Additional levels can be achieved based on efforts made to continue working towards sustainability.



Company Name:			
Phone Number:			
Website:			
Physical Address:			
Mailing Address:			
Brief Description of Business:			
Primary Contact Information:	Name & Title:		
	Email:	Phone:	



Conserving energy and increasing efficiency reduces pollution, lowers utility bills, provides energy independence, and protects natural resources.

**Check all activities that are currently being accomplished:**

	Upgraded to EnergyStar appliance or other energy efficient equipment
	Utilize smart thermostat(s)
	Installed motion detecting lights
	Upgraded to LED lightbulbs
	Conduct energy audits
	Conduct seasonal preventative maintenance (changing air filters, HVAC tune-ups, changing flow of fans, etc.)
	Unplug devices/equipment when not in use
	Building is LEED certified

**Short answer:**

Tell us how you raise awareness and encourage energy conservation and efficiency among your employees and customers

What policies or programs has your business implemented to support energy conservation

Tell us what else you do to conserve energy



# WATER/ POLLUTION PREVENTION



Water is integral to our lives and our businesses and increasing demand is putting strain on our resources. Water conservation lower utility bills, reduces your carbon footprint, reduces pollution, and helps ensure future generations have access to this vital resource. Keeping pollutants out of our creeks and streams is vital to ensuring a thriving environment.

## Check all activities that are currently being accomplished:

	Educate employees on the importance of saving water
	Implement water conservation policies
	Utilize low-flow, water efficient fixtures and weather-based irrigation controllers
	Utilize xeriscape or native planting
	Reduce fertilizer use to prevent runoff during rain events
	Conduct water-use audits
	Schedule regular maintenance (irrigation, plumbing, backflow prevention, etc.)
	Adopting best practices to keep pollutants out of creeks and streams (litter abatement, spill prevention, etc.)

## Short answer:

Tell us how you raise awareness and encourage water conservation, efficiency, and pollution prevention among your employees and customers

What policies or programs has your business implemented to support water conservation, efficiency, and pollution prevention

Tell us what else you do to conserve water and support pollution prevention



# TRANSPORTATION/ AIR QUALITY



Sustainable transportation options and access to alternative transportation can help decrease the impact on the environment while improving the local air quality and overall quality of life.

## Check all activities that are currently being accomplished:

	Encourage alternative transportation options
	Offer work-from-home or hybrid schedule options
	Educate employees on the importance of air quality
	Offer EV charger for employees and customers
	Conduct routine maintenance on company vehicles
	Participate in Air North Texas initiatives; <a href="http://www.airnorthtexas.com">www.airnorthtexas.com</a>
	Create idle reduction policies for company vehicles

	Number of bike racks available
	Number of EV and/or hybrid vehicles in company fleet
	Number of EV charging stations at business

## Short answer:

Tell us how you raise awareness and encourage alternative transportation and air quality among your employees and customers

What policies or programs has your business implemented to support air quality and alternative transportation

Tell us what else you do to support air quality and alternative transportation



# WASTE/ MATERIAL MANAGEMENT



Material and waste management is an opportunity manage resources efficiently, as well as promote economic growth and environmental stewardship.

## Check all activities that are currently being accomplished:

	Offer recycling receptacles for employees and customers
	Provide signage at trash and recycling receptacles to limit waste contamination
	Request deliveries and packages come in reduced packaging
	Established an organics diversion program to separate and compost organic waste/food scraps from other trash
	Encourage and utilize reusables (such as water bottle fill stations, reusable bottles and mugs, etc)
	Buy in bulk to reduce packaging

## Short answer:

Tell us how you raise awareness and encourage resource conservation among your employees and customers

What policies or programs has your business implemented to support resource conservation

Tell us what else you do to conserve resources





Thriving wildlife points to a healthy community. By protecting the wildlife and their habitat enhances the health of the community while providing a beautiful place to live, work, and play.

**Check all activities that are currently being accomplished:**

	Utilize native and pollinator friendly plants in landscape
	Eliminate pesticide use
	Install bird-friendly windows or decals to eliminate bird strikes
	Participate in Lights Out Texas during fall and spring bird migration

**Short answer:**

Tell us how you raise awareness and encourage native wildlife and landscaping among your employees and customers

What policies or programs has your business implemented to support native wildlife and landscaping

Tell us what else you do to benefit native wildlife and landscaping



# COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



By supporting and giving back to the community, you are fostering resilience within Cedar Hill and showing our customers and employees that you are trying to lead the way to a better, more fruitful community and local economy.

## Check all activities that are currently being accomplished:

	Utilize a policy that encourages purchasing locally
	Provide opportunities for employees to volunteer in the local community
	Support local non-profits
	Have a community bulletin board
	Have a Green Team within the company to promote sustainable initiatives
	Join networks or pursue certifications that promote environmentally responsible practices
	Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce member

## Short answer:

Tell us how you raise awareness and encourage community opportunities, education, and engagement among your employees and customers

What policies or programs has your business implemented to support community opportunities, education, and engagement

Tell us what else you do to benefit the community



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

We want to be a partner with you on your journey to becoming a cleaner, greener business in Cedar Hill. Please let us know what we can do to help you be successful in being a Green Business Member.

## **Short answer:**

Are there any resources you need to be more successful in your Green Business journey?

Do you need more information on any of the topics covered in this questionnaire so that you can begin implementing them in your business?

How can the City be a better partner with your business and help you achieve higher levels of commitment in the Green Business program?

